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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. MD Family Law, Subtitle 5 Section 601-11.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Fine of not more than five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year. Maryland Law 88A - Section 31.

Age of Majority. 18 years. 1 Maryland Law - Section 24.

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile courts handle child neglect, delinquency situations. Equity courts handle divorce, domestic relations, and adoption cases in most jurisdictions.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. When major change occurs and/or at least once every six months. By administrative regulation.

Licensing: Requirements. Child care facilities and voluntary agencies are licensed by the Social Services Administration. Local public and private agencies approve foster and adoptive homes according to State licensing standards. Maryland Family Law, Subtitle 5, Sections 507-509.

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PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Independent placements by parent(s) or grandparent(s) are lawful or in cases in which the child is placed with a person related by blood or marriage within four degrees of consanguinity. Maryland Family Law, Subtitle 3.

Adoption Petition. Petition is filed in county where adoptive couple resides. The minimum time between filing of petition for adoption and final decree is determined by local court. Petitions are filed after child has been in the home for six months.

Residential Placements.

- Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Approval is required for all agency, court ordered and parental placements into child care institutions.

- Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100A, Child Summary and related psychological or psychiatric reports. In addition, the facilities must be licensed by the Social Services Administration or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

- Approval of Facilities: Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources and the Division of Licensing and Regulation and the Juvenile Services Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the State Department of Education are responsible for licensing and approval of child care facilities. Contact the Interstate Specialist or the Licensing Consultant, Social Services Administration, 311 W. Saratoga, Baltimore, MD 21201 - Telephone (410) 767-7382.

- Maryland licenses and/or approvals are renewable annually, except by Social Services Administration in licensure of child care facilities which annually update specific information and undergo complete re-evaluation at a minimum of every five years.

- Rate Setting: The Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the Office of Child Youth and Families (OCYF) set rates for children under State supervision placed in child care facilities on the basis of standards for basic care and services provided by facilities within limits of State Budget. Contact the Interstate Specialist or the Licensing Consultant at 767-7382, or 767-7398.

- Monitoring of the Child: The sending agency is responsible for monitoring non-resident children placed in residential facilities in Maryland.

- Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Placement of nonresidential children in Maryland requires that the child care facility meets the child's needs, have periodic evaluations to determine appropriateness of continued placement and develop an alternate plan in the child's state of residence.

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PAYMENTS

AFDC Payments. AFDC Payments by Maryland agencies are made on behalf of non-resident children placed with relatives in Maryland.

Medicaid Payments. Medicaid Payments are provided for Maryland children placed in a subsidized adoptive home or with foster parents and relatives (excluding natural parents) in other states until agency custody is terminated, unless the child is Title IV-E eligible, in which case medical assistance is provided by the child's state of residence.

Foster Care payments. Maryland foster family care rates paid for children who move out-of-state with their foster families. Receiving state rates paid for child/children placed in a foster home of the receiving state. Receiving state facility rates paid for children in group care by contractual arrangement.

Special Education Payments. Payments are not provided for non-resident youth placed in Maryland.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse Registry. Call from outside Maryland are not toll free. Telephone: (410) 361-2235.

Juvenile Compact Office. Telephone (410) 780-7825 Ext. 324

Mental Health Compact Office. Telephone (410) 225-6632.